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SMALL HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether private investment in small hydro power projects is not forthcoming due to delay in getting clearances from the various concerned agencies;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to expedite the clearance of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a)&(b): 23 States have announced policy for private sector participation in Small Hydro Power (SHP) projects.The response of private sector has been quite good.During the 10th Plan,out of a capacity addition of 537 MW from SHP projects,336 MW have been set up by the private sector.

(c)&(d): SHP projects are governed by State Government Policies.The procedures of allotment of sites and other statutory clearances take some time in the State Governments.The Ministry has been pursuing the States to expedite the process in order to avoid delays.